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1. The following is a list of current food prices in Hungary:

Pork.....	per kg.....	30 to 31	forint
Beef.....	"	16 to 20	"
Lard ¹	"	35	"
Bread.....	"	3	"
Potatoes.....	"	1.20	"
Smoked bacon.....	"	.80	"
Rice.....	"	.35	"
Sugar.....	"	11.60	"
Wash soap.....	"	.24	"
Toilet soap.....	per piece.....	2.50 to 7	"
Country-style bacon, Grade "A" (Kaiserfleisch).....	per kg.....	.65	"
Sausage.....	"	.35	" and up
Salami.....	"	.85	"
Flour.....	"	4.6	"
Milk.....	liter	3	"

2. Textile and shoe prices have been officially lowered 20 to 30 percent. This order, however, does not apply to dress shoes.

3. The following wages are current:

Factory workers (unskilled).....	15 to 16	forint per day
Shoemakers (according to ability).....	30 to 40	" " "
Railway switchmen ²	600 to 800	forint per month
Police ³	1,000 to 1,200	forint per month

4. The kolhoz workers of Hegyesahalom, Győr-Ménfőcsanak County, received their shares of the 1953 harvest on 15 September 1953. A married couple, considered good workers,

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received for the season March to 15 September 2,600 kg. of wheat, 1,500 kg. of rye and a payment of 360 forint.

1 [Redacted] Comment. The lard ration is 1/4 kg. per person per week.

2 [Redacted] Comment. Pay differences vary according to length of service.

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